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SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1904.

The Demand of the Times.

George Fisher, the newly elected Chairman of the Town Council, sounded the keynote to the political situation in this town, when he said in the course of his remarks at the meeting in Mr. Disbrow's house Tuesday night that the most important thing before the officials of this town was "to reduce the tax rate." Mr. Fisher shows that he has a keen appreciation of the situation, and as head of the next administration will undoubtedly do his share personally towards meeting the popular demand for a lower tax rate. The people are looking anxiously to the Council to keep public expenditures down, and to enforce all legitimate means of increasing the public revenue otherwise than by direct taxation. The tax assessors are expected to make diligent search for taxable property, and the tax collector is expected to enforce the law to its fullest extent in compelling the payment of taxes.

In Newark the personal property of delinquents is seized and sold, and in some cases delinquents are put in prison. Newark methods have of late been highly commended by many citizens of this town who would no doubt approve of their adoption by the local taxing department.

The high tax rate has been a fruitful cause of popular discontent, and made many converts for annexation. It is also demonstrated that our so-called highly moral license law was no inducement with many people toward preserving independence. The cry was anything for lower taxes, and now is the time, for the Town Council, the Board of Education and the Board of Health to join hands in a united effort to meet the popular demand.

Principles, Not Persons.

Rev. Dr. C. S. Woodruff at Park M. E. Church, Sunday night, in a brief prelude spoke of his attitude toward the annexation movement, and said that all his recent statements in his pulpit had reference to principles, not to persons. He had not indulged in anything personal, and while there were those who differed with him he had not spoken a disparaging word concerning them, and no one who heard him would infer anything of the kind, he thought. The gentlemen who favored annexation were prominent citizens, many of them life-long residents, and no improper motive could be attributed to them.

"While I alluded to the common rumors," said he, "that money and influence had come from outside of Bloomfield to secure votes for annexation, yet there was no intimation that this improper influence was in any way connected with our citizens who favored the movement. If such influence came from outside it came direct from the parties so interested, and was administered by them. I do not want any improper inference to be made as to the good repute of our own citizens, but I did want it to be understood that men from outside who had ulterior motives were supposed to be working for their own ends in the cause of annexation, and that our town would be morally injured by being annexed to such parties."

Canal Reopened.

The Morris and Essex Canal is now filled for the first time since the extensive washouts of the banks by the floods in September last. Repairs for the season are practically at an end. The first westbound boats passed through the locks Monday morning. The old Main's canal store at lock No. 3, which was burned to the ground on March 20, is being rebuilt and will soon be open for business. The old wooden bridge at Mountain View, which spanned the Pompton river, connecting the counties of Morris and Passaic, which was washed away in the September freshet, is being replaced by a new iron bridge. The road crossing the river at this point is the main one between Boonton and Paterson, and until the bridge is completed people driving between these places are compelled to go miles around.

Berkeley Neighborhood Club.

The Berkeley School Neighborhood Club will close its most successful season with a musical on Friday evening, May 6. The musical will be given in the assembly room of the Berkeley School. The Enterpean Orchestra will furnish a portion of the programme. Miss Helen MacDonnell and Mr. Elvin Blight will be the soloists. No admission will be charged, and all will be cordially welcome.

A Free Dispensary.

Dr. Witte of Trenton has opened a free dispensary in that city for consumptives. Rev. Vincent Serofini, a Trenton clergyman, wrote a letter to the Trenton Times commending Dr. Witte's establishment and treatment, and related the following instance of a cure effected by the doctor, and which is vouched for by Mrs. J. R. Rusby of this town:

"While so many scientists are searching for a consumption cure, and the universal consensus seems to be that nothing as yet has been accomplished in that line, I feel that I ought to bear testimony of a cure accomplished by Dr. Witte on a young lady of my acquaintance, whose name I refrain to mention for various reasons. In her case her father died of the disease, and over one year ago she fell a victim of the same dreadful scourge. She tried several things, change of air included, but instead of getting better she seemed to fall more and more every day, until, in her mother's words, 'She went to bed, never expecting to be seen out of it again alive.' At this stage Dr. Witte was called in. He treated her with his cure, and it was really surprising to see the young lady improving from day to day, until, in the course of a few weeks, her cough had entirely left her, and to-day she is a well girl, having materially increased in her weight also. For my part, I feel greatly elated over this cure, and say to myself, if a treatment can be used successfully in one case, why should it not be efficient in more?"

"Dr. Witte, in my estimation, is a very modest and conservative man, and this accounts for the little publicity given to his successful treatment of tuberculosis; but I hope that before long he will see his way clear to announce his discovery to the world, in order that the many thousands afflicted with consumption may reap the full benefit of it."

Reform for the Tax Assessor.

A circular letter to be sent out by the State Board of Taxation to Tax Assessors throughout the State contains instructions in regard to the tax laws. The assessors are to make a full valuation of real and personal property, which is to be assessed at its true value and not by any rule of percentages. The rule is to be adhered to under all circumstances. Neglect so to do constitutes misconduct in office and "wilful malfeasance or misfeasance." The assessors are specially instructed to look after personal property and ascertain by "diligent inquiry and the oath of persons assessed and others" the true value of their personality. Presumably the State Board of Taxation has been impelled to issue these instructions by the present agitation of the question of railroad taxation. Railroad representatives have retorted upon individual taxpayers that an average of only about 15 per cent. of their personal estate was assessed for tax, and that consequently they had no right to complain about the railroads. But the State Board is only performing a duty that it should have done long ago.—*Newark Advertiser.*

To Build a Rectory.

At a parish meeting of the members of Christ Episcopal Church held Wednesday night, it was decided to build a church rectory on Park avenue adjoining the church. The building will cost about \$6,000, and will harmonize in design and architecture with the church edifice.

The Women's Guild of the church has already the sum of \$1,000 set aside for that purpose. This money was raised by fairs and other entertainments, and has been jealously guarded by its custodians. In addition to the sum raised by the Women's Guild, a sufficient amount has been assured by pledged subscriptions to warrant the building undertaking.

Drake College Alumni Reception.

The annual reception and dance of the alumni of the Drake Business College took place in Drake Hall, Metropolitan building, Orange, Tuesday night, and was well attended and an enjoyable evening was had. The reception committee was as follows: J. Henry Cooper, Joseph E. Mitter, Arthur J. Botterill, Wm. J. Hopkins and Sherwood T. Moore. Mrs. Jennie Collins furnished the music.

Mountainside Hospital.

Subscribers to the Mountainside Hospital for April were: Mrs. Bernhardt, Judge Amzi Dodd, Mrs. Amzi Dodd, Miss Louise Dodd, Mr. David Garabrant, Mrs. Geokle, Mrs. A. Kelly, Mr. Loht W. Lobel, Mrs. J. K. Oakes, Ogden & Cadmus, Mrs. Reinke, Mrs. Ross Wickham, Theo. H. Ward, Mrs. Theo. H. Ward, Cash, Mrs. R. K. Schuyler, Friend.

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Broadway Theatre.

It is a long time since playgoers have found a musical show of American manufacture that has proved to be as satisfactory and enlivening as Henry W. Savage's sumptuous production of "The Yankee Consul," now in the eleventh week of its phenomenal run at the Broadway Theatre, New York. Raymond Hitchcock in the star role has scored the biggest hit of any American comedian in years. As the American consul to a place on the Island of Santo Domingo, that reads like a cigar label, he has ambled easily into the front rank of Broadway favorites. With a face like a map of New England, his kite-shaped smile, and his dry, quiet humor, he is as Yankee as hard cider. In "The Yankee Consul" Henry M. Blossom, Jr., has constructed a story that is really amusing, and Alfred G. Robyn has illuminated the libretto with the best musical score heard on Broadway in several years. With catchy music, a bright story, an entertaining comedian, a splendid cast of principals, and the youngest and prettiest choral contingent that has graced a Broadway musical show in years, "The Yankee Consul" has unquestionably a long and prosperous career ahead of it at the Broadway.

New Amsterdam Theatre.

The notable revival of "The Two Orphans" at the New Amsterdam Theatre, New York, will be continued but two weeks longer. The final performance will take place Saturday evening, May 14. Seats are now on sale for all remaining performances, and may be secured by mail order, accompanied by remittance. These two weeks will be the last opportunities one will ever have to witness the really great cast of all star artists in the play. No instance is on record in the history of the American stage where such celebrated players as Kylie Bellew, James O'Neill, Charles Warner, Frederick Perry, E. M. Holland, Jameson Lee Flinney, Grace George, Margaret Livingston, Clara Morris, Elita Proctor Otis, Annie Irish and Clara Blandick have appeared jointly in any one play. This presentation of "The Two Orphans," therefore, can only be regarded as the most notable revival that has ever occurred in this country. Matinee performances Wednesday and Saturday.

Fried Onions for Pneumonia.

Owing to the prevalence of pneumonia and the great mortality which has attended its ravages this winter and spring, several Boards of Health in Northern New Jersey have been taking measures against the disease. The Health Board of Little Washington has published a remedy which is said to be a sure cure for pneumonia, and other Health Boards are looking into the matter with a view to having the same thing published for the good of the general public. The infallible cure is:

Take six to ten onions, according to size, and chop fine; put in a large spider over a hot fire, then add about the same quantity of lye meal and vinegar enough to form a thick paste. In the meanwhile stir it thoroughly, letting it simmer five or ten minutes. Then put in a cotton bag large enough to cover the lungs, and apply to chest as hot as the patient can bear. In about ten minutes change the poultice, and thus continue by reheating the poultices, and in a few hours the patient will be out of danger.

This simple remedy has never failed to cure this too often fatal malady. Usually three or four applications will be sufficient, but continue always until perspiration starts freely from the chest. This remedy was formulated many years ago by one of the best physicians New England has ever known, who never lost a patient by the disease, and won his renown by simple remedies.—*New York Tribune.*

Memorial Stamps.

Beginning April 30 a series of special postage stamps to commemorate the Louisiana Purchase of 1803 will be placed on sale. There will be five denominations, and they will be on sale until December 1 of the current year. The denominations follow:

One-cent, green, with portrait of Robert R. Livingston, United States Minister to France, who conducted the negotiations which led to the purchase.

Two-cent, red, with portrait of Thomas Jefferson, who was President of the United States at the time of the purchase.

Three-cent, purple, with the portrait of James Monroe, special ambassador to France in the matter of the purchase, who with Livingston conducted the negotiations.

Five-cent, blue, portrait of William McKinley.

Ten-cent, brown, map of territory embraced by the purchase.

Onions Coming.

Hargreaves' circus will exhibit here on Monday, May 9, giving two performances—afternoon at 2 o'clock and evening at 8 o'clock. Although the Hargreaves' big railroad shows this year are practically four shows in one, the management have arranged for a special rate of admission for this section of the country only. When Hargreaves had a small show out he charged twenty-five cents admission, and the people of this vicinity gave him liberal patronage. He has not forgotten that, and now, although the Hargreaves' big railroad shows are made up of a triple circus, a mammoth menagerie, a monster museum and a real Roman hippodrome, making four shows, he has arranged to make the price of admission to see every feature, to see all the wonders, the very low price of twenty-five cents.

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